

FACT SHEET

October 2021

SCAJAQUADA CREEK, BUFFALO, NY

Project Modifications for Improvement of the Environment

Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Location

 Scajaquada Creek is located in the geographic boundaries Erie County NY. The creek is a tributary tothe Niagara River

Project Description

- Scajaquada Creek is located in a heavily developed area and has been highly manipulated. If implemented, creek habitat could be significantly restored with increased native populations and improvements in water quality
- Feasibility phase is cost-shared 50%
 Federal and 50% non-Federal

 Design and Implementation is costshared 75% Federal and 25% non-Federal

<u>Importance</u>

 The water quality, hydrologic regime, wildlife habitat, and overall stream health has been degraded and could benefit from restoration measures

Consequence

 Highly degraded tributary to the Great Lakes will not be restored and benefits to water quality and habitat will not be realized

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Costof Phase	FY21	FY22 Requirement	FY23 Budget
Feasibility ¹	TBD	\$50K*	TBD	TBD

⁽¹⁾ First \$100k is at 100% Federal expense.

Project Sponsor/Customer

 Buffalo-Niagara Riverkeeper submitted a letter of request in December 2007 and another letter in January 2012

Congressional Interests

- Representative Brian Higgins D-NY-26
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY

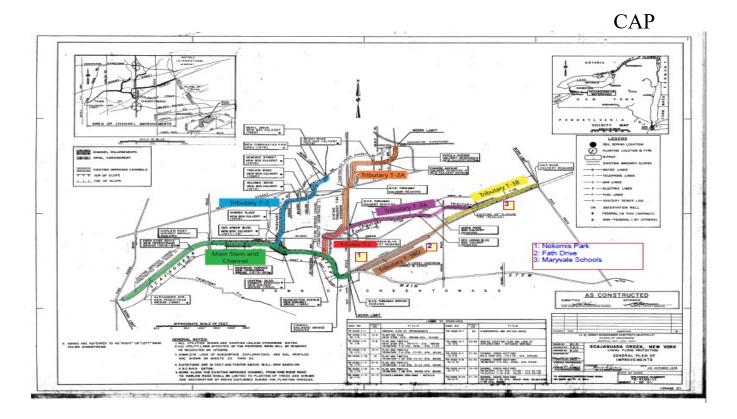
Current Status

 The Federal Interest Determination (FID) was completed with GLRI funds in May 2020. The FID had a positive finding. The next phase will be to sign the FCSAand initiate the Feasibility Study

Issues:

- Finding viable project location
- Complex real estate issues
- Non-federal sponsor funding availability

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